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SUBJ: GOL VIEWS ON ARTICLE XXIV:6

REF: A) ROME 4515, B) STATE 62026

1. ON APRIL 8 EMBASSY ECON OFFICER QUESTIONED JEAN
SCHLEICH, MFA ALTERNATE 113 COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE,
ON GOL APPARENT TURN-AROUND (REFTEL A) IN OPPOSING
24:6 SETTLEMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE LATEST US REQUEST
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2. SCHLEICH, WHO WILL REPRESENT GOL AT 113 MEETING APRIL 10, STATED THAT GOL STILL HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH LATEST US REQUEST AND HAS TOLD EC PARTNERS THAT GOL IS WILLING TO SETTLE ON BASIS OF US LIST. SCHLEICH ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT FOR PURPOSES OF BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG SOLIDARITY, THE GOL HAD SUPPORTED THE BELGIN OBJECTIONS TO THE US LIST AT THE 113 AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETINGS APRIL 1-2.

3. COMMENT: THERE CONTINUES TO BE A CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE BELGIAN AND LUXEMBOURG GOVERNMENTS ESPECIALLY ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY MATTERS, SINCE ECONOMIC QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST ARE COORDINATED IN THE CONSULTATIVE MECHANISMS SET UP UNDER THE BELGO-LUXEMBOURG ECONOMIC UNION. DURING THE ENERGY CRISIS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE TWO COUNTRIES COORDINATED BOTH EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO PETROLEUM. IT IS NOT SURPRISING, THEREFORE, THAT THE GOL, ALTHOUGH WILLING TO ACCEPT THE LATEST US COMPROMISE OFFER, BELIEVES IT MUST SUPPORT THE BELGIAN OBJECTIONS ON ARTICLE 24:6. WE WILL CONTINUE TO POINT OUT TO THE GOL THAT LUXEMBOURG MAY BE ABLE TO PLAY A USEFUL ROLE WITH THE BELGIANS IN AFFIRMING THAT THE GOL HAS NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WITH THE LATEST US OFFER AND STRESSING THAT IT IS POLITICALLY NECESSARY TO REACH AN AGREEMENT RAPIDLY ON 24:6. TARNOFF

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